

## DMH EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT – JORGE SOLORZANO

Continuing our stories that spotlight LACDMH employees who shine, this week we're featuring...



### **JORGE SOLORZANO General Maintenance Worker & Parking Coordinator**

Jorge has worked for the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) for 8.5 years. Before becoming a full-time employee at LACDMH, he was already here at headquarters for 12 years working under a contract through ISD as custodial maintenance. In total, he has worked at headquarters for 20+ years.

General maintenance worker is a new item for LACDMH, and Jorge was the first one in the unit. He says it has saved LACDMH thousands of dollars by not having to contact ISD for problems. Part of Jorge's job includes doing a little bit of everything, including carpentry, electrical, masonry, painting, plumbing and mechanical. He not only works on projects at headquarters but at all the other LACDMH facilities, too.

*What do you like about your job?* "I like that every day is a new challenge in a different facility."

*Who/what inspires you?* "Dr. Southard, he inspires me. Ever since I met him through the previous Director Areta Crowell, he told me that I could become someone in this department and we have been friends ever since."

*What quote inspires you?* "The quote that inspires me a lot is by John Wooden: 'Make each day your masterpiece.'"

*What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?* "In my spare time, I like to go to the gym and work out. I love hiking, camping, bike riding, spending time with friends and family, going to the beach and to the river, and I love to barbeque."

*Do you have any words of wisdom for other LACDMH employees?* "I like this quote from Mark Houlahan: 'If you want your life to be a magnificent story, then begin by realizing that you are the author and every day you have the opportunity to write a new page.'"